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SHIELDS, MR. MOUNTAIN, CMDR STEELE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH YUGOSLAVS ON EXPORT
CONTROL PROCEDURES

REF : BELGRADE 6084

1. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS REFERENCE FOR PURPOSE SPECIFICALLY
RELATIVE TO MR. ELLSWORTH'S VISIT TO BELGRADE.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFERENCE MEETING WAS SUCCESSFUL. SURPRISES
WERE THE APPEARANCE AND ROLE OF DEJAN DIMOV AND THE PRESENCE OF
COLONEL STEVO LONCAR, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROCUREMENT FOR YUGOSLAV
ARMED FORCES. LONCAR IDENTIFIED ELIASSON WITH "MR. ELLSWORTH'S
AND MR. NUTTER'S OFFICE" AND IN PRIVATE REMARKS TO ELIASSON
SAID, IN EFFECT, THAT IT WAS GOOD THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN ABLE
TO CLEAR THE AIR BEFORE MR. ELLSWORTH'S VISIT.

3. ELIASSON ASKED IN MEETING FOR CLARIFICATION OF YUGOSLAV
FORMULATION OF END-USE STATEMENT WHEN SHIPMENT TO BE USED BY
YUGOSLAV ARMED FORCES, NOTING THAT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE IF
SUCH A STATEMENT TOO VAGUE. NEVERTHELESS, LONCAR REITERATED
THAT END-USE CERTIFICATE WOULD SIMPLY REFER TO USE "FOR CLASSIFIED
MILITARY PURPOSES." ELIASSON DID NOT PERSUE MATTER FURTHER SINCE
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IT WAS CLEAR THIS WAS AS FAR AS YUGOSLAVS INTENDED TO GO AT

THIS TIME.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE REMARKS TO ELIASSON, LONCAR STATED THAT HIS BIG PROBLEM WAS THAT MUCH OF WHAT YUGOSLAV ARMED FORCES NOW INTERESTED IN FROM THE U.S. WAS "CLASSIFIED." ALTHOUGH JUXTAPOSITION MAY HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTAL, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT YUGOSLAVS LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER GIVE-AND-TAKE BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS ON SO-CALLED CLASSIFIED MATTERS. ENTIRE ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING AND SIDE REMARKS OF LONCAR SUGGESTED TO ELIASSON THAT YUGOSLAVS MORE THAN SLIGHTLY INTERESTED IN EXPANDED DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP AND THIS, AT LEAST IN PART, WAS REFLECTED IN THE BROAD CHANGES IN PROCEDURES AND NEW FACES AND OFFICES IN ECONOMIC CHAMBER, ALL CARRIED OUT BEFORE SUBJECT MEETING EVEN TOOK PLACE.
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